

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
BRENDEL, et al.

Examiner: **PACKARD, B. J.**

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Title: **COMBINATION OF PHENYL-
CARBOXAMIDES WITH BLOCKERS
OF THE IK_R CHANNEL AND THEIR
USE FOR THE TREATMENT OF
ATRIAL ARRHYTHMIAS**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DELIVERED DECEMBER 4, 2008

PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

This paper ("Instant Response") is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 4, 2008, ("Instant Office Action") in the above-identified patent application, for which a response was due March 4, 2009. A Request for a three-month Extension of Time is provided herewith, extending the due date for response to June 4, 2009. It is respectfully requested that the outstanding Office Action be reconsidered in view of the following amendment and comments.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Comments with respect to the Instant Office Action begin on page 4 of this paper.